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FOR EYE SURGERIES

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Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Rules 1.97(b)(1) and 1.98, enclosed herewith is Form PTO-1449 and the reference cited thereon. This reference is mentioned in Applicants' specification. Please note that while mention is made in the specification of DE Patent No. 38 26 069 C2, U.S. Patent No. 5 009 487 corresponds to the German patent. Therefore, only U.S. Patent No. 5 009 487 is enclosed herein. Further comment at this point in time should not be necessary.

Further consideration is respectfully solicited.

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